

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13627–S13676

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1244–1249, and S. Res. 172. **Page S13656**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1244, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 104–144) **Page S13656**

Measures Passed:

Severance Pay: Senate agreed to S. Res. 172, providing for severance pay. **Page S13673**

Family Self-Sufficiency Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 2483 (to Amendment No. 2280), to require the development of a strategic plan for a State family assistance program. **Page S13628**

(2) Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2503 (to Amendment No. 2280), to prevent an increase in the number of hungry children in states that elect to participate in a food assistance block grant program. **Page S13632**

(3) Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2280), to grant the Attorney General flexibility in certain public assistance determinations for immigrants. **Pages S13636–37**

(4) Bryan Amendment No. 2552 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide that a recipient of welfare benefits under a means-tested program for which Federal funds are appropriated is not unjustly enriched as a result of defrauding another means-tested welfare or public assistance program. **Page S13652**

(5) Graham Amendment No. 2567 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide that the Secretary, in ranking States with respect to the success of their work programs, shall take into account the average number of minor children in families in the State

that have incomes below the poverty line and the amount of funding provided each State for such families. **Page S13652**

(6) Bond Amendment No. 2499 (to Amendment No. 2280), to establish that States shall not be prohibited by the Federal Government from sanctioning welfare recipients who test positive for use of controlled substances. **Page S13652**

(7) Grams Modified Amendment No. 2580 (to Amendment No. 2280), to limit vocational education activities counted as work. **Page S13652**

(8) McCain Amendment No. 2544 (to Amendment No. 2280), to permit States to enter into a corrective action plan prior to the deduction of penalties from the block grant. **Page S13652**

(9) Dole (for Abraham) Amendment No. 2684 (to Amendment No. 2280), to increase grants to reward States that reduce out-of-wedlock births. **Page S13652**

Rejected:

(1) By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 429), Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 2484 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide funding for State programs for the treatment of drug addiction and alcoholism. **Pages S13628–29, S13634**

(2) By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 430), Simon Modified Amendment No. 2468 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide grants for the establishment of community works progress programs. **Pages S13629–32, S13634**

(3) By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 431), Wellstone Amendment No. 2505 (to Amendment No. 2280), to express the sense of the Senate regarding continuing medicaid coverage for individuals who lose eligibility for welfare benefits because of more earnings or hours of employment. **Pages S13632–35**

(4) By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 432), Kohl Amendment No. 2550 (to Amendment No. 2280), to exempt the elderly, disabled, and children from an optional State food assistance block grant. **Pages S13635–36**

(5) By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 433), Simon Amendment No. 2509 (to Amendment No. 2280), to eliminate retroactive deeming requirements for those legal immigrants already in the United States. **Pages S13637–39**

(6) By 23 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 434), Graham Amendment No. 2568 (to Amendment No. 2280), to set national work participation rate goals

and to provide that the Secretary shall adjust the goals for individual States based on the amount of Federal funding the State receives for minor children in families in the State that have incomes below the poverty line.
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(7) Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2617 (to Amendment No. 2280), to prohibit the use of Federal funds for legal challenges to welfare reform. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 435), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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(8) By 44 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 437), Daschle/Kennedy Amendment No. 2682, to permit States to provide non-cash assistance to children ineligible for aid because of the 5-year time limitation.
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Pending:

Dole Modified Amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.
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Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2615 (to Amendment No. 2280), to reduce the Federal welfare bureaucracy. (By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 436), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)
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Dole/Daschle Amendment No. 2683 (to Amendment No. 2280), to make certain modifications.
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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 437), Senate agreed to a motion to strike Bradley Amendment No. 2496 (to Amendment No. 2280), to modify the provisions regarding the State plan requirements, previously agreed to on Thursday, September 14, 1995.
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Stevens/Murkowski Amendment No. 2585 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide that Indian tribes in Alaska that opt to operate a program under a tribal family assistance plan operate such plan in accordance with requirements applicable to Alaska's program, as previously agreed to, was modified.
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Levin Modified Amendment No. 2486 (to Amendment No. 2280), to require recipients of assistance under a State program funded under part A to title IV of the Social Security Act to participate in State mandated community service activities if they are not engaged in work after 6 months of receiving benefits, as previously agreed to, was further modified.
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A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Tuesday, September 19, 1995, with votes to occur thereon.
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Agriculture Appropriations, 1996—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies

programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, on Monday, September 18, 1995. **Page S13653**

Workforce Development Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 143, to consolidate Federal employment training programs and create a new process and structure for funding the programs, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.
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Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, appointed Dr. Robert Kelly, of Kansas, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term effective October 1, 1995.
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Communications:

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—438)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 3:31 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Monday, September 18, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S13653.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported, with amendments, H.R. 2127, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings on S. 309, S. 907, S. 964, and S. 1144, bills to reform and enhance the management of the National Park Service, receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mark A. Reimers, Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; William J. Chandler, National Parks and Conservation Association, James D. Santini, Travel and Tourism Government Affairs Council, and Thom Hall, National Tour Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Joseph K. Fassler, Restaura, Inc.,